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Vice Admiral E. F. Rectanus, USN
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Dear Rex,

I have so many things to thank you for. First, for the splendid lunch for [redacted] which I thought was one of the most thoughtful gestures I know of around here. He has done us a great service, and I certainly appreciate your taking the time to recognize it. Thanks also for the wonderful dining-in of the Naval Specialists. It was a great honor to be present and to watch the growth of this career specialty into a permanent contribution by the Navy to our national intelligence, as well as to its own needs for professional intelligence. You were entirely too flattering, but I thought the real high point of the evening was Lew Allen's comparison of the Navy's and the Air Force's current troubles (somewhat lighter than ours!).

With best regards.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby
Director

P. S.

Herewith the two photographs with great pleasure.

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